

FOR THE



New Trades and Subscribers.

Add to the ALBION trades list:-

THE VOICE published by Jeff W. Key, P.O.Box 251, Eatontown,
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Jeff wrote recently, so I have not had the opportunity yet of
reading THE VOICE. Copies will be available soon.

Commence the ALBION subscribers' list thus:-

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Subscriptions to American Diplomacy magazines etc.

We British being an impecunious lot, and being huddled together
in so small a space, the loaning of magazines (particularly the
General, S&T etc.) has become common, and quite sensible in
the circumstances. However I think we would all agree that
this leads, in the ultimate, to poor communication - it is a
restrictive practice in the original meaning of the words.

The entire Editorial Staff of ALBION, from President to tea-
brewer, encourages all British readers to subscribe to at least
one American Diplomacy magazine.

Subscription costs are low, and the use of 'printed matter' air-
mail brings the postage cost down to an absolute minimum, while
retaining all the advantages of air-mailing.

Some magazines contain a number of game reports (the more
active carry 12 games or sometimes more); these can be of
considerable value to a new player, to enable him to gain a
good knowledge of the game without undergoing the ignominy
of defeat. Other magazines contain no games at all, but
reserve their spaces for Diplomacy-related articles of much
interest to players.

The choice is a wide one; to assist you in making a choice
before spending your cash, the editor has magnanimously agreed
to free space in future issues of ALBION. A brief account of
one American Diplomacy magazine will fill this space each
issue.

To start off the series, ALBION number 3 will contain a short
account of EREHWON, published by Rod Walker.

Get ready to dig once more into the pocket, dear reader - if the
British Isles is to enter whole-heartedly into the 'world of
Diplomacy', the flow of information must be unrestricted and
bilateral. The editor will assist in any problems of payment
encountered by potential subscribers.

The following information, concerning the

NFFF Games Bureau

has been kindly forwarded to me by the Bureau chairman, Donald L. Miller.

Membership (regular) is open to individuals for a fee of 1 dollar per annum, starting on January 1st of each year. Regular members are entitled to all Bureau privileges, some of which appear below.

Affiliation to the Diplomacy Division is available (free) to magazines providing the editor is a regular member, and providing the magazine is traded on an all-for-all basis with all other affiliates. The Diplomacy Division Chief is Rod Walker (that name again - what does he do with his spare time?)

Publications include THE GAMESLETTER, THE GAMESMAN and DIPLOMANIA.

The first, free to regular members, contains short articles, news and reviews of the latest games and magazines, advertising (Classified and Opponents), club information etc.

The second, 35 cents a copy to regular members, contains articles etc. too long for insertion in the GAMESLETTER. Thus the GAMESMAN is more a magazine, the GAMESLETTER more of a bulletin and news-sheet.

The third, 30 cents a copy to regular members, contains all kinds of general information on Diplomacy (no games).

Bureau mailings are sent at least bi-monthly to regular members, and contain the gamesletter, advertising material and/or miscellaneous magazines.

Divisions are two-fold - General Games and Diplomacy.

The General Games Division concentrates on the dissemination of information on games in general, and serves as a testing ground for new games and variants.

The Diplomacy Division co-ordinates activity relating to the various magazines within the Division. It also provides the opportunity for the investigation of many Diplomacy variants, from the simple ANONYMITY to the fearsome HYPERECONOMIC.

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A preliminary peep into

FOUR DIMENSIONS.

(Since the first mention of the new game HYPERSPACE appeared in the AHIKS British region members' bulletin, the editor has been inundated with questions on four dimensions. It is to answer at least some of these questions that the following article, the first of a short series, appears).

The arrogant human, forever intent on impressing the extent of his wisdom on others, blanches visibly whenever mention is made of the 'impossible'. So it is with four (and more) dimensions - we are content to believe only in the things we can detect with our senses, and to ignore anything which we cannot, using these senses, confirm. The intellect can never reasonably be described as a 'sense', however, and it is with the intellect that we, in this context, are particularly concerned.

First, consider an 'ideal' point - it has no dimensions, and in fact we can't even see the thing. However, extend this point in any one direction for a certain distance, and the result is that a straight line has been traced out, and one dimension has been created. Of course, the line is infinitesimally thin - we can't see it any better than we can see the point which created it.

Now 'roll' this line sideways for a distance equal to its length, and a square is traced out (two dimensions). To create our own universe (as far as we can judge it), simply move the square, perpendicular to its own plane, a distance equal to the length of any one side. The result - a cube, which has three dimensions.

A diagram will serve here - follow the arrows from stage to stage:-

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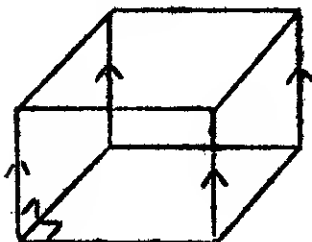
A point - no dimensions.



A straight line - one dimension.



A square - two dimensions.



A cube - three dimensions.

Four dimensions (contd).

Are you all with me so far? You at the back - stop doing whatever it is you are doing, and pay attention.

The last step is easy. All we have to do is to find a fourth direction perpendicular to all the three already used. Having found it, merely move the cube in that direction a distance equal to one of its sides. The result? A four-dimensional hypercube.

What's that - did someone defy me to draw one. Well, you can see a 2-dimensional version (a sort of double perspective) in the next ALBION. That will sell a few extra copies.

You might say "So what?. What use is this thing?". This I will explain by means of a little parable.

There were once four brothers, Tweedledum, Tweedledee, Tweedlethree and Hypertweedle. They were all arrested for disturbing the peace (who wouldn't be with names like these?) and were ordered to be thrown into jail.

Tweedledum was imprisoned on a straight line with a dot at each end. However, since he was only one-dimensional, he could do nothing but move up and down the line, bemoaning his unfortunate predicament. Tweedledee, the two-dimensional brother in the square cell next door, scorned at him - "Why not move off the line at right-angles to it? Use the other direction".

"What is the other direction?", wailed the unfortunate Tweedledum, being the dumbest of them all.

However, three-dimensional Tweedlethree, in the cubical cell next to his brothers, scorned them both - "Dee, why not move upwards over the straight lines that bound your cell? And Dum, you have two directions in which to make your escape". But Tweedledee, not knowing the meaning of 'upwards', turned his back. And Tweedledum remained dum.

Outside the cells stood Hypertweedle, a broad grin on his face. His guards had locked him in the cubical cell twice, and couldn't understand how he had got out. "Move along another dimension", he admonished Three; but Three, being a human and thus accustomed to ignoring good advice, refused to answer.

The guards, being themselves human, and having paid no attention to their mathematics at school, could not figure out how to imprison Hypertweedle. They explained their problem to the King, whose grades had been even lower, and he couldn't help at all. Finally, they did all they could do - they released Hypertweedle and endorsed his driving licence instead.

How did the amazing Hypertweedle elude his captors?

Will Tweedle-dum and the rest ever carry all beFour them?

Will the king's private tutor resign?

Read these answers, and more, in the next ALBION.

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Additions to house rules.

18. Advance orders. Players may submit advance orders at any time before the deadline. These will be adjudicated for the move in question unless the player has forwarded amendments in the meantime. Thus players may submit orders and continue negotiations, secure in the knowledge that the move will not be missed even if protracted negotiations go on beyond the deadline date. The ruling also allows for possible postal delays of orders submitted close to the date of the deadline.

19. Transferred charge telephone orders. Players wishing to take advantage of this ruling should let the gamesmaster know a telephone number at which they may be contacted, and the times of day at which such contact may be made. If a deadline date arrives, some orders not having been received for whatever reason, the gamesmaster will telephone the player(s) concerned to receive verbal orders, transferring the charge of the call to the player.

Both these new rulings allow for emergency measures; it is expected that players will not, in the normal situation, have to recourse to them. However unusual circumstances do arise, and it is the wish of the ALBION staff that a player should not be penalised for events beyond his control. As stated previously, there is usually a short time lag between the deadline date and the date of issue of ALBION; this extends to approximately 48 hours, and orders received during this time are adjudicated providing no other adjudication of that move has already been carried out.

Holidays.

Players who are going on holiday in the near future may be concerned lest they miss the deadline for the Spring 1902 move. The gamesmaster will extend the deadline only for deserving cases on application. When applying for such an extension, please state the date of departure and the date of return.

A tightly folded £5 note might influence the gamesmaster in his decision.

A reminder.

The next information sent to players will be ALBION supplement 2a. This supplement will list builds etc. for the Autumn 1901 move. The deadline for these builds is as noted below the game report on page 7 of this issue.

The supplement will state the deadline for the Spring 1902 orders. All the information carried in the supplement will also be published in ALBION number 3.

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REPORT.

ALBION 69/1.

Autumn 1901.

The moves:-

Austria (Nethercot);	<u>F(Tri)-Ven.</u>	<u>A(Vie)-Tyr.</u>
	A(Ser) stands.	
England (Munro);	F(Edi)-NWG.	A(Lpl)-Edi.
	F(Lon)-NTH.	
France (Watson);	A(Pic)-Bel.	A(Bur) S A(Pic)-Bel.
	F(MAO)-Por.	
Germany (Newcombe);	A(Ruh)-Hol.	F(Den) stands.
	A(Sil) stands.	
Italy (Robertson);	A(Tyr) stands.	<u>A(Ven) S A(Tyr).</u>
	F(TYS)-Tun.	
Russia (Hancock);	A(Liv)-Swe.	F(GoB) C A(Liv)-Swe.
	A(War) stands. F(Rum) stands.	
Turkey (Wood);	A(Bul)-Gre.	F(Con)-Bul (SC).
	A(Smy)-Con.	

Notation:- S=supports. C=convoys.
Underlined moves fail.

Builds.

England builds 0 for 3.
Austria builds 1 for 4. (Serbia).
Italy builds 1 for 4. (Tunis).
France builds 2 for 5. (Portugal and Belgium).
Germany builds 2 for 5. (Denmark and Holland).
Turkey builds 2 for 5. (Greece and Bulgaria).
Russia builds 2 for 6. (Sweden and Rumania).

Deadline for Winter 1901 builds.

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 6th.

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PRESS RELEASES.

London.

Her Majesty's Government views with increasing concern the deteriorating situation in Europe. In particular, the increasing threat of German naval ambitions in the North Sea. It is felt that the entry of a bellicose Power into our sphere of influence would seriously threaten our links of peaceful trade with our overseas markets.

Accordingly, the Royal Navy has begun its Autumn maneuvers in the North Sea and Norwegian Sea.

Paris.

Germany Invades Denmark.

Word reached Paris today of the German invasion of the neutral and defenceless state of Denmark, previously a Russian protectorate. The German CinC entered Copenhagen in triumph amidst scenes of chaos and destruction, and German officers stood by whilst their men ran amok, shooting the women and raping the men (an old German custom). The gallant citizens of Copenhagen did their utmost to defend their capital but were no match for the Prussian professionals. Tales of looting and burning are still pouring in from neutral embassies, telling the sorry story of this latest example of Germanic bullying. The Danish King has sent a plea to all friendly powers to release his people from the yoke of slavery; Britain, France and Russia have pledged their fullest support to the Danish ruler and armed forces from these powers are even now heading for a show-down with the Kaiser's wide boys.

German forces are also threatening Holland and Belgium, both French Protectorates, and M. de Gaul has authorised the mobilisation of all French forces to combat the Hun. In a nationwide speech made from the Bastille, the French Premier called on his people to brace themselves for the coming struggle.

Russian troops in Warsaw are preparing to meet the Germanic hordes pouring through Silesia. The Russian commander is confident he can defend Warsaw successfully.

M. de Gaul announced that the French Ambassador in Berlin has been murdered in his bath, and that relations between Germany and France have never been so low since we trounced Bismarck's Bouncers back in 1870/71; also that he will have to consider very seriously the possibility of severing Diplomatic Relations.

Finally, the French Government wishes to announce its deep shock over the invasion of Tyrolia by the Papal Guard. M. de Gaul deplores this act of wanton aggression and is at this very moment working for the withdrawal of the Italian troops back to their native soil.

Malcolm De Gaul.

PRESS RELEASES.

Rome.

It has been reported here that the rioters, who pelted the Russian Embassy with rotten spaghetti and macaroni, have been persuaded to return peacefully to their homes. It seems that these riots were sparked off by the recent outrageous and scurrilous attacks upon the honour, integrity and reputation of the Italian people issued by the Russian Government. The Russian Ambassador to the Court of Rome has been asked to explain the completely untruthful allegations, and to apologise on his Government's behalf for the slanders against the Sacred Person of our Glorious Sovereign, King Victor Emmanuel XXXIX.

In answer to the allegations, our Prime Minister, Count Giovanni Lollobrigida, has issued a statement which draws attention to the fact that it was the Russian troops themselves who invaded friendly, peaceful neighbouring territories, ravaging, burning and pillaging. "Do not be misled by the Russian Bear", he stated; "for too long has the slumbering giant cast covetous eyes at the fair and peaceful lands of the West. Now it is stirring, and unless the peace-loving nations of the West rally together, the hordes of the Eastern barbarians will overrun our territories". In view of the serious threat the Russian occupation of these territories poses to our neighbours of Austria and Germany, our Government has pledged the staunchest support to them both, should any future Russian advances threaten the existence of their natural territories.

The emergence of that mad dog of Europe, the Unspeakable Turk, from its peacefulness over the past few years, and its underhand invasion of the Neutral Balkan States has also caused alarm in the Government circles. Again, the Prime Minister has pledged our support to our neighbour, Austria, in the event of any future Turkish aggression against their territories.

It has also been reported that the Bey of Tunis, alarmed at the menaces of Turkey, and with a due regard to the safety of his own country, has begged our Government to assist them in every way to combat the war-like intentions of their feared enemy, Turkey. As a result, and in order to preserve their neutrality indefinitely, Italian ships have anchored off Tunis, and together the Tunisians and Italians will resist all attempts by Turkey to enter the Western Mediterranean.

Reports have also been coming in from the manufacturers that a tremendous increase in the sales of frogs' legs, snails and Italian champagne has been experienced. This is obviously due to the lack of the second-rate French copies of our original patents which no longer flood the market at ridiculously low prices. It has also been reported that the export of 'Fish and Chips' and ice-cream to England has increased, as they continue to slumber peacefully in their little island, unaware of the turmoil around them.

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Continuing the news from Rome.....

Unfortunately, due to the increased costs arising from our recent liberation of the Tyrol, it has been found necessary to patent the Tyrolean hats, and in future, any country wishing to import the original, or to copy the same, in style or design, will have to pay royalties of 2,500,000 lire (about 2/9d). Also, as William Tell was actually an Italian hero, and lived in the Tyrol (Swiss and Austrian propaganda have tried to convince everyone otherwise), all future instalments of this serial will be due to an Entertainment tax of 350,000 lire (about 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ d).

Immediately upon the arrival of our liberating troops in the Tyrol, where they were received with rapturous joy by the population, a Plebiscite was held to discover if the people themselves wished to return to the loving care of their original Motherland, Italy, or remain under the tyrannical and despotic rule of Austria. After having it pointed out that, under Italian rule, their taxes would be halved, factories would be set up, and jobs found for the unemployed, (whereas, under Austrian rule, the taxes had been trebled recently, and any unemployed were rounded up and sent to the mines, where they worked as slave labour), the population overwhelmingly voted in favour of a return to Italian beneficial Government. 99.99% of the votes cast were in favour, and the remaining 0.01% have since mysteriously disappeared.

Giovanni Lollobrigida.

Constantinople.

The German leaders seem to have adopted a singularly hostile policy towards a country which in fact has committed no provocation whatsoever, and has done nothing to induce any ill-feeling at all. German politicians can rest assured that our Leader, Sultan-A, at this moment in his harem, has no immediate thoughts of hostilities towards any of the major nations of Europe. On the contrary, our Beloved Leader is at the moment feeling well satisfied and content.

Thus, Turkey is still the peace-loving nation, as of all time, and we hope that cordial diplomatic relations will be opened with our Teutonic friends.

It is fortunate that our Sultan-A chose not to pursue the matter of the 'Moslem Interlopers', because it is rumoured that Our Leader has influence in several governments of Europe, and he could have regarded Germany's press release as an act of severe provocation.

Turkey's absence from the petty diplomatic verbal squabbles associated with certain countries of Europe may be accepted as a part of this country's diplomatic policy. Only the minimum amount of literature necessary will be used to pursue our nation's interests.

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PRESS RELEASES.

Constantinople (contd).

However, it must be duly noted that any outside interference with a country, or part of a country, which clashes with our own interests therein will be met with the full force of the wrath of Turkey.

From the most recent edition of NANA, the Independent Newspaper of Turkey.

Berlin.

In view of the continuing decline in the international situation, German forces are still deployed on a defensive alert. Units of our Silesian army continue to patrol the Polish frontier, and at times have fraternised with Russian troops. At the moment, these lapses of discipline are being discouraged by the German High Command. Our Bavarian regiment is crossing the Dutch frontier, lest hostile fleets should siege the coast, and for the same purpose our fleet remains in Denmark. We intend to strengthen our naval units in the Denmark area to protect our northern shores from hostile fleets.

We view with concern the anti-German feeling apparent in the National Press of Great Britain, and the news that the Royal Family is considering changing its name to Windsor to dissociate itself with its German ancestry. We take this as a personal affront to our own revered Ruling Family.

Bülow.

Moscow.

The political activity in Moscow has been rather subdued in recent weeks. A visit is thought to have been made by the Russian foreign minister to Turkey, but if the trip was made it was carried out with no publicity at all. The purpose of such a visit can only be surmised, but must surely be in connection with the situation in the Balkans, which would seem to be more secure than for many years.

There was much puzzlement over references to 'Air Force' and 'planes' in a recent communication from French sources. It is known that some eccentric inventors are working on things which are intended to fly in the air like birds. However it was understood that these bird-men could scarcely leave the ground, let alone stay in the air for any length of time. It is thought that those peculiar French have allowed their showgirls' garters to go to their heads. For many years the French have been considered to go about with their heads in the clouds, and it would seem that their fantasy world has now moved into political and military thinking.

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PRESS RELEASES.

Moscow (contd).

ITALIAN FORCES ENTER TYROLIA.

It was always considered likely that those impetuous Italians would start the wheels of war rolling in Europe, and their recent actions have shown that the Russian view was vindicated. There had been a hope that the Italians would not carry on with their threatening gestures and so bring Europe into a state of war.

In previous statements the Tzar has been rather critical of Italian foreign policy, but since the Italian troop movements there has been no comment at all from Russian Government sources. This would seem strange under normal circumstances, for the Russian government are always quick to react to any such acts.

There is much speculation as to the cause of this silence. Some sources say that an agreement has been signed with the Italians. This would seem unlikely considering the previous Russian attitude, but it is considered to be a possibility. Only the events of the forthcoming months will show.

It is reported that many men are being recruited for a great new army which is now being planned. Much war material is being gathered together and there has certainly been a considerable increase in military spending. This may or may not be linked with the movement of Italian troops.

The German troop movements were noted with some dismay, in spite of the German assurance that she is favourably disposed to Russia. The very fact that she invaded Denmark and now threatens Sweden has led the Russian public to believe that such an assurance may have been sheer rubbish.

It is known that the Tzar is determined to stand by the Swedish people through all difficulties, whatever sacrifices this may mean on the part of the Russian people.

Vienna.

By Imperial Command the Government of Austro-Hungary hereby declares its intention to resist the aggressive acts now being perpetrated by the Italian regime. Necessary steps will be taken to safeguard the legitimate rights of our Nation.

At the request of the Serbian Government, our Armies have been ordered to assist in the maintenance of law and order in that country. These forces will be withdrawn when the internal situation has been normalised.

Count Michael of Buda. Foreign Secretary.

A LETTER TO THE EDITOR.

The following letter, postmarked at some insignificant village in Tyrolia, reached the ALBION editorial offices late today.

SIR

nefer hin all mi live voz i surprised so as to look out from
mi vinder to see italians entring mi vundervil vilege.

mi dorter haf eye loked up in zee celler cos italy soljers
no good and all mi peege they haf taken away.

emperor he soon kum bak.

mit gretings

ALEX WINTERGREEN - pig-minder.

INTERESTING NEWS FROM FRANCE.

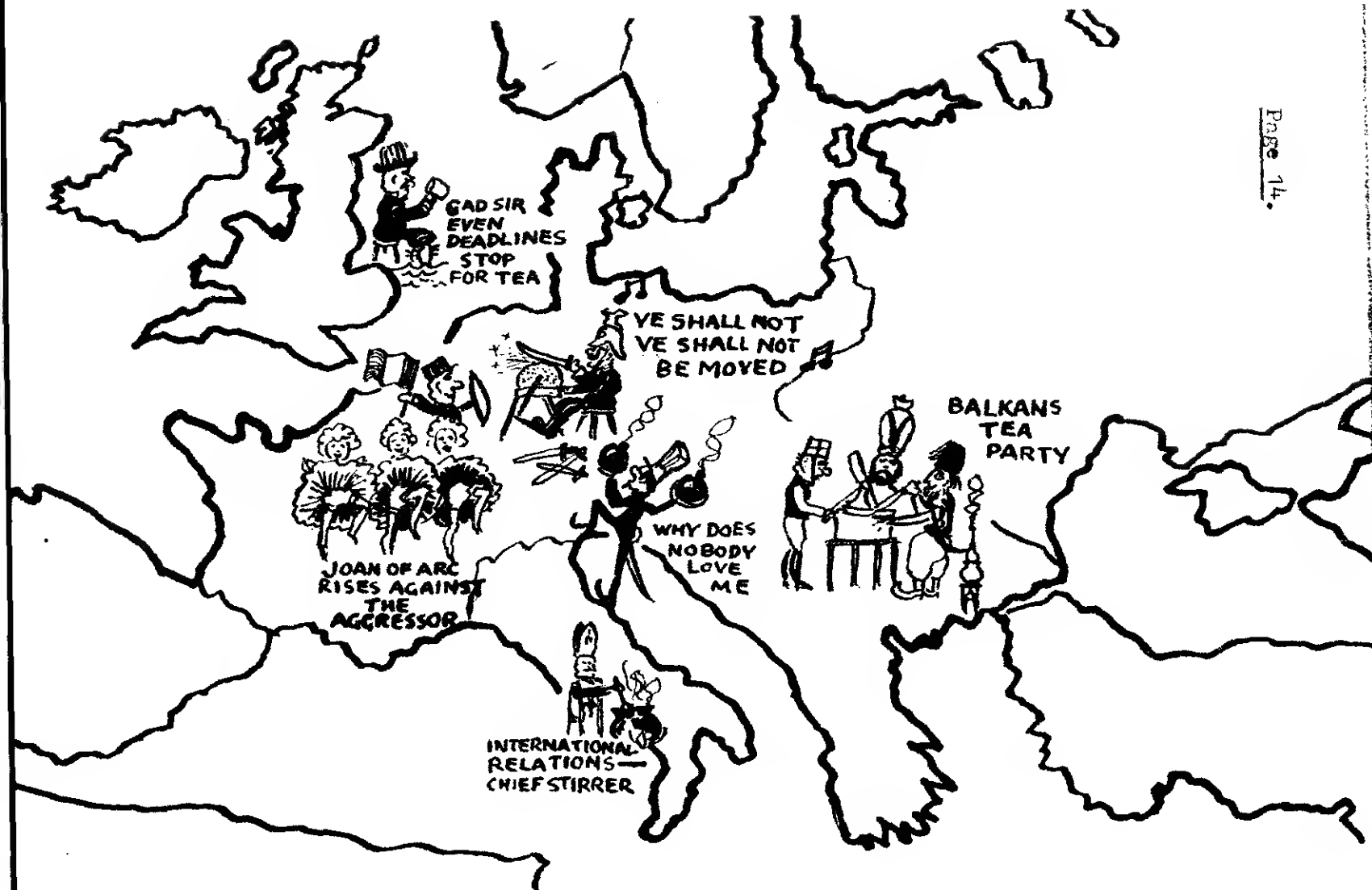
French industrialists have hit upon a new scheme for spreading unrest and dissent amongst the minions of the world. They are now exporting specially manufactured toilet rolls whose surfaces are adorned with cartoons lampooning the tendencies of European Governments of failing to reach agreement.

The ALBION world-wide news service has managed, at great risk to life and limb, to intercept one of these malicious pieces of literature.

Overheard in a foreign toilet - "What a base trick!"

For the interest and illumination of its readers, we print an example of the French 'art nouveau' on a later page of this issue of ALBION.

At this point the editor ran out of ideas, and hence the rest of this page will be covered with a



THIS PAGE IS STILL RESERVED FOR THE FUNCTIONS OUTLINED
IN THE FIRST ISSUE OF ALBION. IT WILL CONTINUE TO EXIST
UNTIL SOMEONE FILLS IT (ANYTHING!).

It also allows the ALBION editorial staff to boast that
issue number 2 was nearly twice as big as issue number 1.

Come to think of it - is that a boast or an admission???